

## **REMARKS**

### **Summary of Office Action**

Claims 18, 20 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. 2000-315414 (hereinafter "Nagahama").

Claims 1, 2, 8, 11, 14 and 21-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagahama in view of United States Patent Publication No. 2003/0223020 (hereinafter "Lee").

Claims 4, 9, and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagahama and Lee in view of United States Patent No. 4,958,911 (hereinafter "Beiswenger").

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagahama, Lee, and Beiswenger in view of Japanese Patent No. 2001-338512 (hereinafter "Shiotani").

Claims 6, 7, 12, and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagahama and Lee in view of United States Patent Publication No. 2003/0053008 (hereinafter "Nakano").

Claims 10 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagahama and Lee in view of Shiotani.

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagahama in view of United States Patent No. 6,064,455 (hereinafter "Kim").

### **Summary of Amendment**

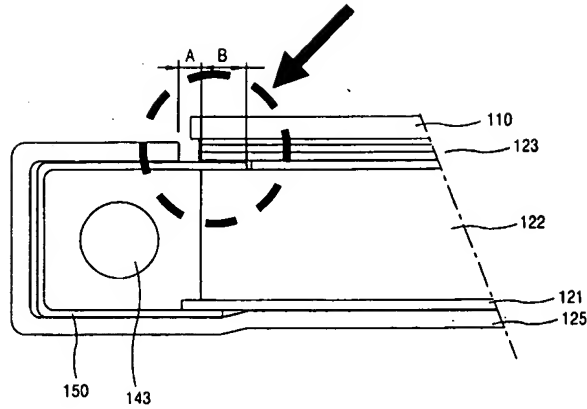
Claims 1, 2, 11, and 18 have been amended. Claims 3 and 16 stand cancelled. No new matter has been entered. Claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17-23 are pending for consideration.

**All Claims Comply With §102 and §103**

Claims 18, 20 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nagahama. Claims 1, 2, 8, 11, 14 and 21-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagahama in view of Lee. Claims 4, 9, and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagahama and Lee in view of Beiswenger. Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagahama, Lee, and Beiswenger in view of Shiotani. Claims 6, 7, 12, and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagahama and Lee in view of Nakano. Claims 10 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagahama and Lee in view of Shiotani. Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagahama in view of Kim. Applicant respectfully traverses.

As an initial matter, an object of the present invention is to provide a liquid crystal display device that prevent light leakage in a simple manner without complicating or increasing the fabrication process by substituting a lamp cover enclosing a lamp with a reflection sheet, overlapping the reflection sheet with a light guide plate, and making a bottom cover support the reflection sheet.

Figure 3b of present invention is reproduced and annotated below for convenience.



According to the present invention, preventing the light leakage may be accomplished by modifying the backlight unit without increasing or complicating the fabrication process. Specifically, the end portions of the optical sheets 123 are positioned on an end portion of the reflection sheet 150. Thus, light leakage may be prevented such that the light emitted from the fluorescent lamp may not leak outside without passing through the plurality of optical sheets 123. Accordingly, image quality of the liquid crystal display device may be improved.

Applicant respectfully submits that Nagahama does not disclose at least, for example, “at least one optical sheet positioned along an upper surface of the light guide plate, wherein an end portion of the optical sheet is positioned on an end portion of the reflection sheet” as recited in claim 18. Because Nagahama does not teach each and every element of claim 18, Nagahama does not anticipate claim 1. Furthermore, Nagahama does not anticipate claims 20 and 23 by virtue of their dependency from claim 18.

Moreover, independent claims 1, 11 and 18 are allowable over the cited references in that claims 1, 11 and 18 recite a combination of elements including, for example, “at least one optical sheet positioned along an upper surface of the light guide plate, wherein an end portion of the

optical sheet is positioned on an end portion of the reflection sheet.”.

None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least the aforementioned feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, and claims 2, 4-10, which depend from claim 1, are allowable over the cited references for at least the reasons explained above. Similarly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 11 and 18, and claims 12-15, 17, 19, 21-22, which depend from corresponding one of claims 11 and 18 respectively, are allowable over the cited references for at least the reasons explained above.

Applicant believes the foregoing amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is therefore respectfully solicited.

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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